

To Whom It May Concern -

I recently became aware of possible hurdles for Satellite Radio system "XM" to continue broadcasting live traffic and weather as part of their daily programming.

It would be a shame if the lobbyists for the mainstream TV and Radio industry bent your ear to a point of prohibiting this type of information. I am of the opinion that I choose to purchase and listen to the XM system and I should be able to continue listening to the very stations that helped direct me to that purchase and ensuing monthly payment.

I look at the XM like this.....in my home I have basic channels with my CATV, and in this case that would be the channels that come with my car radio. At home if I choose to have premium channels like an HBO or Showtime I make a conscience decision to pay more for that option. And if I did I would not want any outside group in competition with those premium channels complaining to the FCC that it was unfair that I was getting those channels. Likewise I feel it is unfair for the TV and Radio industry to lobby the FCC/Congress because XM is doing a BETTER job at proving the nation live weather and traffic than the traditional stations.

I feel instead of complaining and wasting money about XM they (the radio and TV industry) should regroup and try to improve their product and try to compete with the new technology that exists.

From my readings about this usbject it is my understanding that XM has played by the rules from their intial day of existance and it would be a tragedy if the FCC caved into lobbyists who have nothing but thier own adgenda to serve.

The big picture is that have live traffic and weather for the traveling public at the touch of a button makes for a SAFER traveling public and that should NOT get overlooked.

Thank you.